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1. In September 1952, two men from the 1924 and 1925 classes from the village of Dolna Studena (N 43-32, E 25-41) Byala Okoliya, were called up for temporary training consisting of a 30-40 day course. They were sent to barracks in Gorna Oryakhovitsa for that purpose. The men [redacted] were trained with new weapons sent from the USSR. [redacted] as soon as one group was released, another was called up.

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2. A Border Guard unit is located at the railroad station of Podkova (N 41-25, E 25-24), Kurdzhali Okoliya, and consists of 150 soldiers and 10 officers.

Fuel Dumps Near Ruse

3. A fuel dump is located on the bank of the Danube near Ruse, about 500 meters from the transformer for the electric power from Rumania and 300 meters from the sugar factory. The dump consists of five or six cylindrical tanks about five meters high and four meters in diameter. The tanks contain gasoline and other fuels brought from Rumania. A separate branch of the railroad line to Ruse runs to the fuel dump. Tank cars filled with gasoline and other fuels travel on this line to the interior of Bulgaria. The dump is guarded by a Militia post.

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Electric Power from Rumania

4. A transformer, which receives electric power from Rumania, is located about 500 meters upstream from the fuel dump. Three rows of cables run to the transformer, which is an iron cube, the sides of which measure 1.5 meters. The transformer is placed on wooden girders, which are 12 meters high. Three rows of wires take the electricity from the transformer to Ruse. The area around the transformer is fenced in with barbed wire, but it is not guarded.

New Highway from Ruse

5. During June or July 1952, a new highway was begun in Ruse. [] 25X1
[] it will be an international highway. [] construction is now in progress as far as Polski Trumbesh (N 43-22, E 25-38), Turnovo Okoliya. From Byala to Ruse, the road runs near to and parallel with the old Byala-Ruse highway. It will go through the northeast section of Byala near the town slaughterhouse, where a bridge will be built over the Yantra River. Construction of the bridge has not yet started, although construction materials are now being brought to the area. At the present time, the work on the highway has been limited to surveying, digging and leveling the roadbed. [] the road will make a turn at Polski Trumbesh in the direction of Turnovo. The road is to be very wide and paved. 25X1
6. Construction of the road has been speeded up and new workers have constantly been sought for its construction. About 300 civilian workers and 50-60 trucks are working near Byala. There were Soviets among those supervising the construction. [] there are Soviets in Bvala and Gorna Manastirtsa (N 43-31, E 25-48) [] 25X1

New Gasoline and Petroleum Storage Tanks near Lom

7. In 1950, six cylindrical, iron, surface storage tanks were constructed about 200-300 meters from the eastern outskirts of Lom, near the Lom River. These tanks have concrete bases, are 7-8 meters high and 5-6 meters in diameter, and are guarded by militiamen.

Army Podelenie 62-30, Sandanski Okoliya

8. [] Army Podelenie 62-30 is stationed at Pirin railroad station. It is an infantry regiment of about 800 troops armed with Soviet infantry weapons (rifles, machine pistols, and light and heavy machine guns). The regiment was stationed in a camp near Petrich on the Strumeshnitsa River during the summer of 1952. An unidentified lieutenant colonel is the CO of the regiment, and Lieutenant Topalov (fnu) from Vidin [] is the supply officer. 25X1 25X1

Mobilization

9. During the summer of 1952, troops from almost all branches of the armed forces living in Lom and Lom Okoliya were mobilized for a 70-day period. They were trained in the use of new types of Soviet weapons which have been introduced into the Bulgarian Army. [] the following persons from Kovachitsa (N 43-48, E 23-21), Lom Okoliya [] were mobilized: 25X1
- a. Lieutenant Gulobin Tasev, [] assigned to the river fleet in Ruse; 25X1
- b. Junior Sergeant Liko Kirilov, [] assigned to the river fleet in Ruse; 25X1

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- c. Sergeant Rangel Garchov Zhabin, [] assigned to the river fleet in Ruse; 25X1
- d. Seaman Rafail Aleksandrov, [] assigned to the river fleet in Ruse;
- e. Seaman Gulobin Rangelov, [] assigned to the river fleet in Ruse;

The following soldiers were assigned to an infantry unit in Ruse:

- a. Private Stefan Elehkov Tomov [] 25X1
- b. Private Ivan Kirkov Garchov []
- c. Private Metodi Georgiev []
- d. Private Pukov Putskov Ninin []

Junior Sergeant Dacho Danailov Petrov [] was assigned to an artillery unit in Ruse; Lieutenant Toshkov Gospodinov [] served in a military unit in Plovdiv; and Senior Lieutenant Spas Arsenov Chugarilov [] serves in the Border Guards in Kyustendil. 25X1 25X1 25X1

Airfield near Gabrovnitsa, Lom Okoliya

- 10. During the spring of 1951, construction of a new airfield near the village of Gabrovnitsa, Lom Okoliya, was begun. It is located about one kilometer north-west of the Gabrovnitsa railroad station. It is 2,500 - 3,000 meters long, runs in an east-west direction, and is about 1,000 meters wide. In 1951, construction was begun on a 200-meter wide landing strip made of granite blocks. It was rumored that the landing strip was to be finished during the fall of 1952 and that the field was intended for heavy aircraft (bombers). 25X1

Border Guards

Komandatura 62-32 in Breznitsa (N 41-40, E 23-40), Sandanski Okoliya

- 11. The komandatura is located on the western outskirts of the village of Breznitsa. 25X1
[] This new zastava is located in the "Trite groba" (Three Graves) section, 10-15 meters north of the highway leading from Breznitsa to Yugoslavia, and is about 500 meters from the border.
- 12. The zastava building is a one-story building in the shape of the number "II." The two wings of the building are 21 meters long and 9 meters wide and the main section is 32 meters long and 9 meters wide (or 800 square meters for the entire building). The building has three corridors and 14 rooms, including one guard-room, three offices, one Dimitrov room for cultural activity, three dormitories, one dining room, one kitchen, one storeroom, one bakery, and one laundry room).
- 13. The troops of the zastava are quartered in the old frontier post located about 50 meters from the new zastava building. The zastava consists of 80 soldiers and four officers armed with the following Soviet light infantry weapons:
 - a. "Vintovka" rifles;
 - b. Machine pistols;

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c. Light machine guns; and

d. One 12.7 mm. DSHK (Degtyarev-Shpagin) M 1938 AA machine guns, which is mounted outside the building ready for firing.

14. The commanding officer of the zastava was Senior Lieutenant Petranov (fnu)

There is also a Junior Lieutenant
Yordanov (fnu) in the zastava.

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Komandatura 43-30 (S) in Kolarovo, Petrich Okoliya

15. The komandatura is located on the outskirts of Kolarovo (N 41-22, E 23-06).

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the newly constructed 18-A zastava building in the "Lopovo" section is 500 meters from the border between the GS (Gorsko stopanstvo, Forest Management) and the border. The newly constructed building has the same shape and dimensions as the 16-A zastava building in Breznitsa, Sandanski Okoliya. The troops from the 18-A zastava are quartered in barracks in Kolarovo during the winter days and are sent out on sentry duty in pairs along the border. They returned to Kolarovo at about 5 p.m. each day.

Correcting and Paving the Highway from Sofia to Kyustendil

16. the Sofia-Kyustendil highway between Dimitrovo and Batanovtsi. Many repairs were made, sharp curves in the road were removed, reinforced concrete gutters were constructed and the road was widened to six meters. The paving of the road also began at that time.

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The "Molotov" TKZS in Kovachitsa, Lom Okoliya

17. The TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo; Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) in Kovachitsa was formed in the spring of 1945 and was disbanded in the fall of the same year. It was again formed in the fall of 1946 and by 1948 it included 50 households. During the fall of 1948, most of the households in the village joined the TKZS. By the end of the year, the TKZS included 700 households. During 1952, the TKZS included 850 households or about 3,000 individual members.

18. The TKZS has about 35,000 decares of agricultural land, which is used primarily for grain crops. The TKZS has the following machinery and livestock: two tractors, two threshers, two trucks, one large three-blade plow (trior) eight small three-blade plows, six diesel engines with mobile pumps, 100 grain drills, 70 reapers and binders, 250 oxen, 150 horses, 70 milk cows, 50 calves, and 2,500 sheep.

19. In 1952, the members received one lev, 1.5 kilogram of wheat, 0.6 kilogram of corn, 8 grams of wool, 20 grams of cheese, or three grams of oil per work day. The average TKZS member can work from 200 to 250 work days per year. The member may buy other necessities from the TKZS store.

The "Vibrobeton" Enterprise in Sofia

20. The enterprise produces the following cement products: concrete electric power poles (50 per day), concrete canal pipes and supports, sidewalk blocks, and "Tsokh" bricks for inside wall construction. It is located near the Voenna ramba (Military Ramp) in Sofia.

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